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TWO SOLDIERS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR ALLEDGED AMMUNITIONS TRAFFICKING

MIAMI – Two U.S. Army personnel detained by the Colombian National Police were released to U.S. custody on Thursday and are now back in the U.S. They are under investigation for allegedly being involved in the trafficking of ammunition. The Department of Defense, as with all criminal allegations against U.S. military personnel, is committed to a full investigation and will be working closely with the Colombian government on this matter. This is an ongoing criminal investigation. Further information will not be released at this time to protect the integrity of the investigation.